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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2006

TO: Judges
cc: Court Administrators
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FROM: Dawn M. Childress, Management Analyst

RE: Amendments to MCL 780.905; Crime Victim's Rights Assessment

Prior to January 1, 2006, persons charged with a felony, serious misdemeanor, or specified misdemeanor but not convicted of the offense were exempt from the provisions of MCL 780.905, which requires payment of a crime victim's rights assessment pursuant to the Crime Victim's Rights Act (CVRA). Amendments to the statute now make payment of the assessment applicable to persons who are granted youthful trainee status, a delayed sentence, or a deferred judgment of guilt. Courts are required to order all persons charged with those categories of crimes and who have not either been acquitted or had the charges unconditionally dismissed to pay a crime victim's rights assessment as follows:

- If the offense is a felony, \$60
- If the offense is a serious or specified misdemeanor, \$50

The crime victim's right assessment is charged per case rather than per count. If there are multiple charges in one criminal case, only one \$50 or \$60 assessment should be ordered.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Childress at childressd@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-3756 or Sandi Hartnell at hartnells@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-0122.